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Brisk Sale

Markets choked with shoppers; social distancing goes for a toss

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (RK&KS)- For the second successive Varamahalakshmi festive season, the city's major flower markets, particularly at the century-old Devaraja Market, remained temporarily closed as a precaution against COVID-19. Instead, the markets were shifted to the spacious J.K. Grounds to ensure social distancing.

But so many people gathered at J.K. Grounds this morning hours ahead of the festival that it was impossible to maintain distance. Both vendors and buyers focussed on selling off their flowers or buying stocks, forgetting COVID. All of them put the pandemic backstage and indulged in flower trade with a smile as if nothing had happened.

The flower markets inside closed premises like Devaraja Market, Vani Vilas Market and Mandi Mohalla Market are congested and thousands of people throng them to buy flowers. Since there are more chances of transmission of the virus, it was decided to shift the flower section to J.K. Grounds.

Yesterday afternoon, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy issued an order to temporarily shift the flower market to J.K. Grounds from last evening itself. As the order was issued late, many flower vendors had not shifted but were conducting business at Devaraja Market.

Flower market was shifted to J.K. Grounds last year too.

(See SALE on page 6)

Schools and Colleges to reopen on Aug. 23

RT-PCR test not a must: DHO

DHO Prasad

DDPI Urs

- Schools can't insist on test report: DDPI
- Intensive drive on to vaccinate teachers ahead of reopening

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (RK&SSV)- Preparations are in full swing for vaccination and RT-PCR testing of teachers in city in view of re-opening of schools from Aug. 23. Offline classes will be held for 9th and 10th standard students after a gap of nearly 18 months.

Close on reports that RT-PCR test is mandatory for school going students, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad clarified to *SOM* that it was not mandatory for students. However, they are free to get themselves tested voluntarily at any of the testing centres in city.

Meanwhile, Ramachandraraje Urs, Deputy Director, Department of Public Instructions (DDPI), re-iterated that the State Government has not made RT-PCR test compulsory for students attending offline classes from next Monday. "It has come to my notice that some teachers and schools are insisting on RT-PCR test for the kids. It is wrong. I will issue a clarification in this regard by evening," he added.

He said, already 90 percent of teaching and non-teaching staff of schools have taken both doses and the rest will be vaccinated soon. In coordination with Health Department, arrangements are made for the vaccination of teachers at their nearby Primary Health Centre (PHC) or Urban PHC on priority, he said.

(See RT-PCR on page 6)

To Our Readers

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 19th August 2021

Cooking gas LPG price hiked by Rs. 25 per cylinder

New Delhi, Aug. 19 (Agencies)- Domestic cooking gas LPG price was yesterday increased by Rs. 25 per cylinder — the second straight month of increase in rates. Subsidised LPG now costs Rs. 859 per 14.2-kg cylinder in Delhi, according to a price notification of oil companies.

This is the second straight month of a price increase. Rates were hiked by Rs.25.50 per cylinder on July 1. Non-subsidised LPG rates were increased on Aug. 1 by the same proportion, and now the subsidised cooking gas prices have been raised.

There is hardly any difference in the rate of subsidised and non-subsidised cooking gas. Industry sources said the subsidised LPG price was not raised on Aug. 1 because Parliament was in session and the Government could have been attacked by the Opposition.

In Mysuru, a cylinder now costs Rs. 864.50

The latest increase in subsidised LPG price now has taken the cumulative rate hike since Jan. 1 to Rs.165 per cylinder. The Government eliminated subsidies on LPG by raising rates every month. These monthly increases led to the elimination of subsidies by May 2020.

The price of domestic cooking gas has more than doubled in the last seven years. The retail selling price of domestic gas was Rs.410.5 per 14.2-kg cylinder on March 1, 2014. In Mumbai, a 14.2 kg LPG cylinder now costs Rs. 859.5, while in Kolkata, it is priced at Rs. 886. For people of Chennai, an LPG cylinder will now cost Rs. 875.50, up from Rs. 850.50.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The recent announcement by the Narendra Modi Government to extend reservations to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) and the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) through the All India Quota in medical and dental colleges across the country is a clever move by a national party to try and appropriate the caste constituencies of several regional political parties while keeping its core voters happy.

The amendments to Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution by the Narendra Modi Government in January 2019 added Section 6 to Article 15 to provide reservation of 10% seats in educational institutions for the EWS category. Similarly, it added Section 6 to Article 16 to ensure reservation of jobs up to a maximum of 10 percent for this category of citizens. The rules define EWS in several ways but primarily as a category of individuals who belong to families with an annual income of less than Rs. 8 lakh. The latest announcement regarding reservation of seats for OBCs and EWS in the All India Quota is therefore in line with the Directive Principles of State Policy even as it is indicative of the BJP's determination to challenge the hegemony of caste-based parties and take initiatives to beat them at their own game.

—A. Surya Prakash in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Math teacher folds 1,776 origami peacocks

Hyderabad: A math teacher in India who picked up origami as a way to teach concepts to his students earned a Guinness World Record after folding 1,776 sheets of paper into peacocks.

Ravi Kumar Toleti, 57, said he started learning origami a few years ago as a means of teaching math and science to his students, and his passion for the paper-folding art grew until he decided to pursue a Guinness World Record.

Toleti said he wanted to set a record with origami peacocks to pay tribute to India's national bird. "It was a challenging task, but my passion for origami was the driving force," Toleti said.

It took him 16 days of folding for about four hours a day to amass his 1,776 peacocks, which were then displayed at Kalamandir auditorium at Kendriya Vidyalaya in Trimulgherry, Secunderabad for Guinness Record.

Specialised ultra-realistic spider tattoos

Los Angeles: Los Angeles-based tattoo artist Jesse Garcia has built a reputation on his ability to ink realistic-looking black widow spiders on virtually any body part.

Working out of his own private tattoo studio in Los Angeles, Garcia has been getting a lot of attention for his eerily realistic black widows, which look ready to jump off of his clients' skin. While he is more than capable of tackling other designs, looking at the artist's Instagram portfolio, it's easy to see that the black widow is his signature element. Whether seemingly crawling out of someone's ear, or on their legs and arms, it looks just as disturbing to an arachnophobe like myself.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Leg swelling in pregnancy

As many as 75% of pregnant women develop some mild swelling especially in their ankles and feet. Minimal puffiness of hands and face may also occur. But if your hand and face become more than a little puffy or if the swelling does not go away with the good night's rest, contact your doctor. Swelling can sometimes signal onset or preeclampsia or may be associated with anemia.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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Applications invited for First PU Science admission

Mysuru, Aug.19- The Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, functioning with grants from Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has invited applications from eligible SSLC passed students for admission to First PU-Science stream(PCMB and PCMCs Combinations) for 2021-22 at Ekalavya Model Residential school and PU College at Sollepura in H.D. Kote.

90 percent of seats are reserved for ST (Tribal) students. Selected students will be provided free education, boarding, lodging, textbooks and stationeries.

The PU College has a good infrastructure with e-Learning Lab (Digi learning), Atal Tinkering Lab, Computer Lab and a host of other academic facilities. Also, free coaching will be provided for CET/NEET/ IIT-JEE exams.

Application forms can be obtained from Integrated Tribal Development Plan Office located in Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Valmiki road, Paduvarahalli (Vinayakanagar). Last date for applying is Aug.23.

For more details, call Mob: 99024-15006 or 89510-46403 or 99028-34752.

REALLY...?

- ***Kolar was the 2nd town in Asia to be provided with electricity after Tokyo.***
- ***The longest passenger train in the world, Swarna Express, goes from KGF to Bengaluru.***
- ***Silicosis, a lung disease caused due to inhalation of the particulate matter created due to mining, was first identified in KGF.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A husband is having beer at the pub with his friends when he sends an email to his wife.
"What are you emailing her?"
asked a friend.
He reads his message out loud:
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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 18
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Total Positive Cases	1,74,767	1,74,890
Day's Discharges	131	179
Total Discharges	1,71,340	1,71,519
Day's Deaths	2	3
Total Deaths	2,340	2,343
Total Active Cases	1,087	1,028

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

COVID vaccination: A memorable experience

Sir,

Sridhar Bhat, a well-meaning friend of mine, was keen in persuading me (86 years) and my wife Triveni Krishnamurthy (75 years) to get vaccinated so that our risks for getting infected would be minimised.

In this context, he introduced us to Dr. B. Amrutha Kumari, who patiently and satisfactorily answered all my questions about the vaccination process. She directed us to her colleague Dr. Prashanth at Charaka Hospital on KRS Road, Mysuru.

1. We were vaccinated on July 25. Everybody, from Dr. Prashanth to his team members including Sneha who vaccinated us, were polite, careful and interested in making the COVID vaccination process a memorable experience.

2. The entire place was spic and span and well-organised.

3. Efficiency was observable in all operations.

Now, I feel confident of taking the 2nd vaccine dose on the suggested date.

This gigantic journey to vaccinate the entire population of the entire country requires many more socially-inclined enthusiasts like Sridhar Bhat. Our grateful thanks to all of them.

— C. Krishnamurthy
Chamarajapuram
26.7.2021

Prompt service by CESC

Sir,

After my letter regarding the sagging power cable in front of Chinmaya Vidyalaya in Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, was published in *Star of Mysore* dated July 17, the dangling cable was fixed. I thank the officials of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) for their prompt response (service).

— Dr. Neetu Ganapathy
Jayalakshmipuram
13.8.2021

Minister flags off auto tippers for garbage collection

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (MTY&SSV)- Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar dedicated to citizens new auto tippers which were bought by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for the effective handling of garbage in city.

At a function held in the MCC premises here recently, he showed green flag to mark launching of the garbage collecting auto tippers. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said introduction of new vehicles would help in effective collection of garbage. Pourakarmikas work hard every morning to keep the city neat and clean. This city has bagged the 'cleanest city' award due to efforts of Pourakarmikas. Clean environment attracts tourist to city in large numbers, he said.

Somashekar said several steps have been taken by the State Government for maintaining cleanliness in Mysuru City. The MCC staff and the Corporators were working honestly towards achieving this, he added.

Acting Mayor Anwar Baig, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Executive Engineer Mahesh and others were present.

COVID recovered persons must undergo TB test

Dr. Sudhakar

Bengaluru, Aug.19 (KMS& SSV)- Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has urged COVID recovered persons and their family members to voluntarily get tested for tuberculosis (TB). He was speaking at Vidhana Soudha after launching special TB test drive which will be held across the State from August 16 to August 31.

"We have initiated a special drive to evaluate post-COVID complications in people who have recovered from COVID-19 infection. Over 28 lakh people have recovered from this pandemic in the State. Since both COVID-19 and TB infect the lungs, we have launched this special drive to ensure early detection of TB in COVID recovered people. People who have recovered from the contagion must voluntarily get themselves tested for TB. If it is detected at an early stage treatment will become easier," he added.

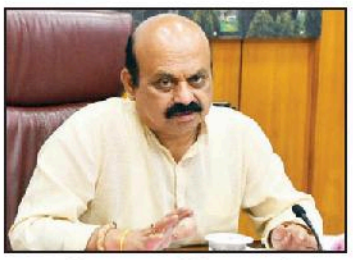
The Minister said since 2017, 75 lakh suspected cases have been identified and 88 per cent of them have been tested. About 3.9 per cent have been detected with TB. Due to COVID pandemic, the TB testing had taken a beating. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a vision to make India free from TB by 2025 and the State Government is working in this direction.

Arogya Nandana

Dr. Sudhakar said since it is being said that children may be predominantly affected during third wave of the pandemic, the Government has decided to launch a new initiative called 'Arogya Nandana'. There are about 1.5 crore children in the State and all of them will undergo testing under this initiative. This will be launched by Chief Minister Basavaraja Bommai soon. Under this programme, children with less immunity power and other comorbidities will be identified and they will be provided with nutritious food and supplements to boost immunity. All measures will be taken to monitor their health, he said.

"We have set an ambitious target to fully inoculate the entire eligible adult population in the State by December. I will go to Delhi to seek additional supply of vaccine. Private sector can procure 25 percent of the vaccine production. We are having discussions with corporate companies to explore possibilities of companies procuring vaccines under CSR and providing it to State Government. This will significantly accelerate vaccination drive, he opined.

Technical Schools to come up in all districts from next academic year: CM



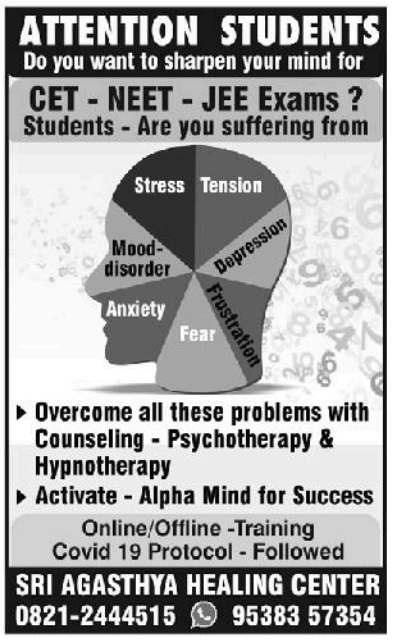
Basavaraj Bommai

Bengaluru, Aug. 19 (KMS& SSV)- Technical Schools will be started from the next academic year, announced Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Reviewing the progress of Higher Education Department here recently, he asked officials to make preparations to start technical schools on the lines of developed nations. Similar schools must be started in the State so that rural students are introduced to study of technology. One school must be established in each Government school in district on pilot basis. The best performing school must be selected to set up this school in each district. Courses offered in diploma and ITI must be taught to students from 8th to 10th standards. This will help them to learn technical knowledge and become employable in the coming years, he said.

On CET lines

A separate Centre will be established on the lines of Common Entrance Test (CET) through which candidates aspiring to become lecturers could take exam and pass out to secure jobs in Universities, Government, aided and private Colleges. Passed out candidates can be recruited into any institution without holding any exam. This will enable selection of eligible candidates without corruption. The Universities and Government Colleges must fill in all teaching and non-teaching posts immediately, Bommai said.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Cash prize for meritorious children

The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysuru, has invited applications from the children of its members who have secured over 70% marks in the SSLC and 2nd PUC exams (2021) to present cash prizes. Among the applicants, highest scoring 20 students in SSLC and 20 in 2nd PUC category will be awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 3,000 each. Apart from that, three children of members who have taken part in National and International sports will also be awarded Rs. 3,000 cash prize. Eligible candidates may submit the application form along with two passport size photographs to the Bank General Manager before Aug. 24. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2522759 or 2421077 or 2432938, according to a press release from the Bank.

BVA at CAVA

Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts (CAVA), Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, has invited applications for Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA) under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with four years of eight semesters, for the year 2021-22. This course includes Fine Arts, Sculpting, Graphics, Applied Arts, Art History, Photography and Photojournalism. After BVA, one can take up Master's Degree too. Last date to apply for the first year BVA course is Sept. 4. Eligibility Test will be held on Sept. 6 at 11 am. Interview will be held at 2 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2438931 or log on to ***cavamysore.karnataka.gov.in***

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KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.27	feet
Inflow	:	4,608	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,488	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,858.21	feet
Inflow	:	2,973	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,350	cusecs

Vehicles to create awareness against child labour flagged off in city

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (RKB&KS)- The District Administration, Labour Department and National Child Labour Project had organised an event to flag off vehicles to create awareness against employing child (below 14 years) and adolescent (above 14 years) labourers. The vehicles were flagged off by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary and senior Civil Judge Devaraj Boothe, in front of the Assistant Labour Commissioner's Office at Kuvempunagar here yesterday.

The vehicles will travel across the district especially to places where children are employed and create awareness against employing children for work.

Speaking on the occasion, Judge Devaraj Boothe said that children and adolescents, working as labourers should be freed and added that parents should stop sending their under-aged children to work in various shops, garages etc. and instead send them to schools.

Pointing out that it is a crime to employ children and adolescents for work, Devaraj Boothe said that a child can help his or her parents at their workplace only after attending classes at schools or after school hours.

Assistant Labour Commissioner Nazia Sultana, who too spoke, said that the awareness jatha with the theme 'No to Child Labour, Yes to Education' was being organised to create awareness against child labour and help free such children and send them to schools.

She urged public to call Children Helpline No. 1098, if they come across child labourers.

District Labour Officer Rajesh Jadhav and others were present.

Strict vigil at Bavali check-post, river banks bordering Kerala

Seen are** (from left) **Health & Family Welfare Department Divisional Joint Director Dr. M.R. Udaykumar, CPI Anand, THO Dr. T. Ravikumar, IGP (Southern Range) Praveen Madhukar Pawar, Mysuru SP R. Chethan and Dy.SP Raviprasad during the inspection at Bavali check-post yesterday. SI Jayaprakash and D.B. Kuppe RFO Madhu were also present.

H.D. Kote, Aug. 19 (Manju& KS)- Following increase in COVID positive cases in neighbouring Kerala State, MLA Anil Chikkamadu has instructed the officials to keep strict vigil at Bavali check-post and not to bow to pressures.

The MLA, who visited Bavali check-post bordering Kerala along with officials on Tuesday, inspected the steps taken at the check-post.

Speaking to media persons, Anil Chikkamadu said that officials deployed at the check-post would screen those entering the State from Kerala and steps would be taken to provide all facilities to conduct screening of people at the check-post.

Pointing out that 300 to 400 vehicles enter the State daily, the MLA, who instructed the officials to compulsorily screen the people entering the State, also told them to take necessary steps without causing problems to agricultural activities and medical emergencies.

IGP (Southern Range) Praveen Madhukar Pawar, who visited Bavali check-post yesterday, advised the personnel to check vehicles in two teams with one team checking goods vehicles like lorries and goods autos while the other team can check passenger vehicles like cars and two-wheelers. He also told them to ensure that the motorists are not made to wait for more than two-three minutes in the name of checking.

He also said that as there was no doctor at D.B. Kuppe Primary Health Centre (PHC), Deputy Commissioner (DC) and the District Health Officer (DHO) would be urged to appoint the same.

He further said that the staff of Health, Revenue and Forest Departments were working in three shifts a day at the check-post and added that vehicles entering the State will be checked and passengers should produce their RT-PCR negative test report and compulsorily undergo thermal scanning.

Stating that COVID positive cases have reduced in the taluk and the guidelines issued by the Government has been followed, Anil Chikkamadu said that the staff and officials should work efficiently to prepare themselves to fight the expected COVID-19 third wave and urged for the co-operation from all.

Tahsildar Naragunda, Executive Officer Rajesh Gerald, Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. T. Ravikumar, PWD Engineer Rajaiah, Scheduled Tribe (ST) Welfare Officer Narayanaswamy, Shanmukha Aradhya, Ashok, Revenue Officers Ghouse and Yogendra Kumar, Sericulture Officer Umesh, leaders Ravi, Satish Gowda, Somesh, Naveen Das, Nayaz, DCC Member Parashivamurthy, Narasimhamurthy, Siddarama, Raju, Ganesh and others were present.

The team of officials inspecting Machur Haadi along Kerala border where, despite ban, people sneak into Karnataka from the neighbouring State using boats/ coracles.

Hawk eye vigil on river banks

Following information that people were entering Karnataka through coracles and small boats by sailing on river from Kerala to purchase and consume liquor, Karnataka and Kerala Police have stepped up vigil on river banks bordering Kerala.

As people used to enter the State from bordering places such as Machur, D.B. Kuppe, Thimmana Hosahalli and Golur using coracles, the officials and staff of Excise, Forest and Health Departments are keeping a hawk eye vigil on river banks by joining hands with the Police.

9.9 feet tall unique statue of Dr. Ambedkar unveiled

Yalandur, Aug. 19 (SS,NR& SSV)- A unique fibre-made 9.9 feet tall statue of the architect of Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in a sitting posture has been unveiled at Honnur village in taluk yesterday.

This is said to be special in the entire south India. The 9.9-foot tall statue has been placed on 4.3 feet pedestal and it is on the lines of the statue at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The artists from Andhra Pradesh have created this statue. A total of Rs. 15 lakh has been spent on lighting, park and other arrangements.

Speaking after unveiling the statue, KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan said the maximum number of statue of Ambedkar had been created only after Lord Buddha in the globe. The statue at Honnur village has been the biggest in Chamarajanagar district. More than installing the statue the people must always follow his preaching and ensure a good education for their children.

A lot of residents of Honnur village were educated and working in top posts in Government. Along with this, blind believes are also prevailing. In the name of village festival, people spend a lot of money. Instead, the same money must be used to educate their wards.

Dr. Shivakumar, IAS trainer, said they had planned for many years to install Dr. Ambedkar's statue in the village and it became a reality due to the co-operation of one and all.

Former MLAs S. Jayanna, G.N. Nanjundaswamy and S. Balaraju, Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji of Urilingapeddi Mutt, retired IAS Officer H. Basavaiah, Gram Panchayat President T.N. Radha and others were present.

Warrior Sangolli Rayanna statue unveiled at Kurubarahalli Circle

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (SBD&SSV)- With State Government dragging its feet to install the statue of Sangolli Rayanna, a great warrior during pre-Independence period, the fans of this historic fighter have unveiled his statue made out of fibre at Kurubarahalli Circle at 2 am on Independence Day.

This function was held under the leadership of Rayanna Yuva Gharjane Sangha in which elected representatives, leaders and local residents participated.

Punit Rayanna, District President of Sangolli Rayanna Yuva Gharjane, said that the Kurubarahalli Circle had been named as Sangolli Rayanna Circle over 20 years ago. Subsequently, permission was granted to install the statue of this great warrior at Kurubarahalli Circle and work has been entrusted to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA). The cost of installing the statue was estimated at Rs. 25 lakh. Tender was floated for this work but it did go forward due to non-release of funds. So, this project was languishing. Memorandums submitted to all the Chief Ministers since last 7 years failed to yield results. Dejected over this, it was decided to install and unveil the statue made out of fibre by pooling money, under the guidance of Rajashekar Doddanna, State President of the organisation, he added.

The event was attended by Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, KSTDC Chairman K.P. Siddalingaswamy, Pradesh Kurubara Sangha President M. Subramanya, K.G. Ramesh, Roopa Yogeshwar, Ashwin Ananthu and Gopi, all Corporators, District Congress President B.J. Vijaykumar and others.

DC directs sugar factories to pay advance money to cane growers

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (PM&DM)- Stating that the District Administration will write to the Government seeking to fix FRP (Fair and Remunerative Price) for sugarcane, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham directed the representatives of Bannari Amman Sugar Factory in Nanjangud taluk to implement the bilateral agreement reached between sugarcane growers and the factory as directed by the Government, from Sept. 1.

He was presiding over Mysuru-Chamarajanagar sugarcane growers grievances and sugar factory representatives meeting at his office here on Tuesday.

At the start of the meeting, the farmers sought the District Administration to write to the Government to fix Rs. 3,500 per tonne as FRP and to direct the sugar factories to pay advance money to cane suppliers.

The farmers also alleged that sugar factories had not paid their share of dividend on Ethanol and other cane by-products for the past four years.

On his part, Bannari Amman Sugar factory representative Venuswamy maintained that the farmers were not paid as the Government is yet to fix the FRP for the current year.

Stating that the factory will pay Rs. 2,500 per tonne as advance money to farmers, he argued that there would have been no delay in payments if the Government had fixed the FRP price by now.

When the farmers contended that Rs. 2,500 advance was less, the DC questioned Venuswamy on how much the factory can pay the maximum, to which Venuswamy said that he would discuss the matter with the factory authorities.

Venuswamy also contended that as Ethanol does not come under the purview of sugar factories, they cannot pay dividend for the by-product.

When farmers claimed that the sugar factory had deviated from the bilateral agreement, the DC instructed the sugar factory representatives to implement it strictly.

When farmers complained that the factory was procuring sugarcane from neighbouring Mandya district, Venuswamy maintained that the crushing capacity of the factory was 7.5 Thousand MT (Metric Tons) per day and the factory was procuring just 400 to 500 MT per day from Mandya as it faced a shortfall in supplies from Mysuru and Chamrajangar districts. The farmers objected to Venuswamy's contention and argued that the factory representatives were lying.

Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shantakumar, office-bearers Attahalli Devaraj, Hallikerehundi Bhagyaraj, Kiragasur Shankar, Food and Civil Supplies Department Joint Director Kumuda Sharath, Joint Director of Agriculture Mahanteshappa and others were among those present.

Youths go missing from city

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (MK&KS)- A 22-year-old youth, who left his relative's house here on Mar. 25, saying that he was going on a pilgrimage to Sabarimala, has since gone missing.

The missing youth is N. Madhu, son of Narayana. He was staying at his relative's house at Kanakagiri here.

Madhu's father, in his complaint, has stated that due to lockdown and as he had fractured his leg, he was unable to lodge the missing complaint early.

Those having any information about the missing youth, may contact Vidyaranyapuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418322 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Hunsur: A 27-year-old youth, who left his house for work on June 6, has not returned home since then and his mother Rathnamma has lodged a missing complaint at Bilikere Police Station. The missing youth is Mahesh, son of Somegowda of

N. Madhu *Mahesh*

Dharmapura village in the taluk.

Those having any information about Mahesh may contact Bilikere Police Station on Ph: 08222-240002 or Mob: 94806-05057.

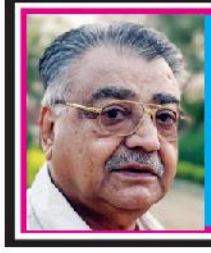
Obituary

Balan Nair

Nanjangud, Aug. 19- E.K. Balan Nair (87), a resident of Basavanagudi Layout, passed away on Tuesday night at the town.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Lingabhatara Gudi Burial Grounds on Wednesday.



Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Afghanistan: A country where anarchy is for ever !

Afghanistan was waiting to be taken over by the Taliban ever since the former US President Donald Trump decided to withdraw its troops. Trump's successor Joe Biden simply endorsed the decision and implemented the pull-out of US forces. The only safeguard against the Taliban for the Afghan Government headed by Ashraf Ghani was gone. President Ghani's army collapsed and the Government fell. Taliban easily walked in to fill the vacuum.

Afghanistan is a land-locked country with its Southern part bordering Pakistan, a long-time patron of Taliban. The land was inhabited by various tribes and ruled by different kingdoms for over two million years with many religions like Hinduism, Buddhism and Zoroastrianism.

It is only when the Islam came to Afghanistan in the 7th century, the whole country became Muslim. Readers may remember the two massive sandstone Buddhas of Bamiyan of 3rd and 5th centuries that were destroyed by the Taliban in 2001. An act of vandalism to erase the heritage of an ancient civilisation of the country that only Taliban knows why.

I also remember at this time about Rabindranath Tagore's famous short-story *Kabuliwala,* a heart-touching, humane story of an Afghan fruit-seller in Kolkata. He befriends a small Bengali girl who reminds him of his own daughter back in Afghanistan. He was a lovable, kind and affectionate man from Kabul, hence Kabuliwala.

Be that as it may, I only feel overwhelmingly sorry for the centuries of misfortune that has been haunting the good people of Afghanistan because of the fundamentalist religious fanatics who have come again visiting them. I was a student of Journalism in Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) Bombay and one of the girl students was from Afghanistan. She was tall, beautiful and feeble in her speech. If we take this girl or the Kabuliwala to be the models of Afghanistan, then it is impossible to think of Taliban taking birth in Afghanistan. Taliban with their skewed political ideology and harsh treatment of the weaker section of our society — women and children — have become a scourge of Afghanistan.

What has happened in Afghanistan should be a lesson for us. We will ignore the lesson only at our own peril. We are warned considering the geographical position of Afghanistan and its terror-tainted Taliban Government. India is forewarned. Let India be forearmed.

But then history of Afghanistan has been steeped in violence and blood for centuries. How sad. If the world's Policeman, the most powerful country, America, cannot provide succour to the good people of Afghanistan having been there for over 20 years as big brother, who could help the good people of Afghanistan? GOK.

By the way, a large number of Muslim invaders of India came from the Central Asia and Afghanistan beginning with Ghazni, Ghori and even Babur, founder of Mughal Empire.

Interestingly, in the ancient times, centuries before Christ and even Buddha, Afghanistan was not how we see it today. Hindu epics Ramayana, Mahabharata and scriptures like Vedas and Upanishads have many references to places in Afghanistan. It was once known as Gandhara and there still is a city named Kandahar. Apparently, it was bordering India of those days — Akhanda Bharata, Hindustan.

Veda Vyasa, the author of Mahabharata, says that one King Subala ruled Gandhara some 5,500 years ago! His daughter's name was Gandhari, who was married to Dhritarashtra of Hastinapur kingdom. Her brother was Shakuni. When Buddhism came with Mauryan Kings, Hinduism lost its importance. However, when invading Muslims came with Mohammed Ghazni, Mauryans lost. The rest is history.

One of the important books about British-Afghanistan is by the famous historian William Dalrymple — *Return of a King: The Battle for Afghanistan.* A boring book for me. It is an account of the First Anglo-Afghan War from 1839-1842.

It is difficult to grasp the multidimensional complexion of Afghan politics. Many years ago, I had read a book by Barbara Tuchman titled *The March of Folly: From Troy to Vietnam,* primarily about how America betrayed itself in Vietnam. In case the publishers are bringing out another edition of the book, the sub-title of the book may be changed to "From Troy to Afghanistan!"

But the point to ponder, ignited by the author, should be revisited today in the light of events that happened in Afghanistan on Aug.15, 2021.

The book emphasises the fact that how Governments, regardless of place or period of history, pursue policies contrary to their self-interests. Or the interests of the people of the country. Audit the statements made, laws passed and administrative orders issued in our own country between 2004 and 2014, you will realise the bitter truth of the observation of the author Barbara Tuchman.

She defines Folly as a decision taken that is counter-productive, regretfully, during the life-time of the decision-makers themselves. As evidence to her opinion, she mentions of four Turning Points in history:

1. The Trojan defeat after allowing the wooden horse to cross the Wall of Troy. **India should, henceforth, beware of Trojan horses both inside and outside the country.**

2. Popes during the period of Renaissance provoking the Protestants to leave the Catholic Church which led to the Protestant secession.

3. The British loss of America — remember Boston Tea Party, the slogan "No taxation without representation"?

4. America betraying itself in Vietnam leading to its humiliating withdrawal. Now, can one say America had betrayed itself and also the Afghan Government leaving the good, innocent people of Afghanistan in limbo? No country can trust America's military intervention in times of war or civil war. Instead, negotiate with America for military hardware, buy them and be strong yourself. But what about small countries? GOK !

Here is a lesson for India to learn. We did not learn that lesson after 1962 China War, which we lost, along with men and our land. And remember we did not strengthen our defence forces, infrastructure and military hardware till 2014.

What has happened in Afghanistan should be a lesson for us. We will ignore the lesson only at our own peril. We are warned considering the geographical position of Afghanistan and its terror-tainted Taliban Government.

India is forewarned. Let India be forearmed.

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RT-PCR test

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It has been made mandatory for teachers to produce certificate on taking both doses of vaccine without which they will not get the salary. The purpose of insisting teachers to get vaccinated is to ensure the safety of students, the DDPI said.

Nearly, 85,125 students are studying in class 9 and 10 in district — 30,685 in Government schools, 32,531 in unaided, 17,394 in aided, 639 in Kendriya Vidyalaya, 777 in Social Welfare Department schools and 158 in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.

Bumper vaccine stock

DHO Dr. Prasad said 36,000 doses of fresh vaccine stock have arrived and the same is supplied to all Government Hospitals and PHCs/ UPHCs. Already, the district had a balance of 4,000 doses and both put together 40,000 doses are released. There is no shortage of vaccine in the district and citizens can go to nearby Government facilities to get them vaccinated. Teachers who have not taken single dose will not be allowed to attend schools, he noted.

Dr. Prasad said testing and vaccination was going hand in hand in district. Testing is planned in crowded places like J.K. Grounds and Devaraja Market where thousands of people flock. Sufficient number of testing centres has been opened across the city. Testing has been intensified in rural areas to detect symptomatic and asymptomatic cases. People with mild symptoms are treated with medicines and those with severe symptoms are advised admission into COVID Care Centres or home isolation, the DHO said.

Brisk Sale

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Today, nearly 150 flower vendors shifted to J.K. Grounds with a few pitching German tents to protect themselves and their products from sun and rain. Women were seen purchasing flowers, puja articles, fruits and vegetables to propitiate Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth. Flower market will be open at J.K. Grounds tomorrow also.

Meanwhile, DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham has asked MCC officials and the jurisdictional Devaraja Police to see to it that all COVID guidelines are followed. Devaraja Inspector Diwakar, SI Raju and staff were seen instructing the public to wear face masks and maintain social distance. Devaraja Traffic Police were seen managing the traffic.

MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and staff went around crowded places instructing public to follow COVID guidelines.

Release Rs. 1.40 crore to repair Maharaja High School

Alumni Association threatens hunger strike from Oct. 2 if demands are not met

B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs** (second from left), **President of Maharaja High School and PU College Old Students Association, addressing the press meet in city yesterday as** (from left) **Corporator S.B.M. Manju, Hon. President Dr. Chandrashekar, Rtn. Chandru and Secretary M.R. Suresh look on.

The present state of the dilapidated Maharaja High School.

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (RK&BCT)- The dilapidated condition of the 188-year-old Maharaja High School in the city came to the fore again yesterday with the alumni of the School threatening to go on a hunger strike if a grant of Rs. 1.40 crore is not released by the State Government.

"We will sit on a hunger strike from Oct. 2 if the Government does not release Rs. 1.40 crore to restore the dilapidated structure," said President of Maharaja High School and PU College Old Students Association B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs, addressing reporters at the Library Hall of the High School.

Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar founded the 'Raja Free School' for the education of poor children in 1833. The Maharaja High School and the Maharaja Pre-University College is a continuation of the 'Raja Free School'.

"The Public Works Department has prepared an estimate to repair the structure and to provide basic facilities to the students. Many times we have met the Government Secretaries but the grants have not been released," he lamented.

"We have submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister and Education Minister. We will wait till Oct. 1," he said. Successive Governments have neglected the institution. "Despite this, the Gymnasium Hall has been converted as the library with the contribution of the school alumni. Alumnus of the institution Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Aditya Hospital has provided a false ceiling to the library auditorium," he revealed.

This apart, Dr. Chandrashekar has come forward to donate 15 tablets. Also, Rotary Mysore North has already donated 15 tablets to the school. "We have an intention to admit many students and to establish an Education Fund to give scholarships to meritorious students," Sridhar Raje Urs said.

The office of the Alumni Association will be open every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1.30 pm and every Friday evening from 4 pm to 6 pm. Special programmes would be chalked out for the welfare of students and the institution, he added.

Corporator S.B.M. Manju, who is also a member of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and an old student of the institution said that he would make honest attempts to get grants from MUDA to repair the building.

Honorary President of the Alumni Association Dr. N. Chandrashekar, Secretary M.R. Suresh, Treasurer Rangaswamy and Rtn. Chandru were present.

NEP era begins at UoM from Aug. 20

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (RK&BCT)- The University of Mysore (UoM) is all set to implement the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) from the ensuing academic year. The launch ceremony to be held tomorrow will herald a new era of education in the University that will recognise, identify and foster unique capabilities of each student by incorporating flexibility in the learning process.

The event will be held at 3.30 pm in the Crawford Hall in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. Higher Education Minister and Pro-Chancellor of Universities Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan will be the chief guest. MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra and Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will be guests of honour.

Addressing a press conference along with Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa this morning, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that a four-year under-graduate programme in multiple disciplines will be introduced for a multi-disciplinary and a holistic education with curricular and extracurricular activities between vocational and academic streams.

Day-long workshop

As a prelude to the launch, a day-long training programme will be organised on NEP implementation tomorrow at 11 am where Commissioner of Collegiate and Technical Education-Karnataka P. Pradeep will brief the stakeholders. At 2.30 pm, Dr. Ashwathnarayan will also inaugurate certain new infrastructure created at the University campus and also launch several programmes.

A candidate completing the four-year under-graduate programme would get bachelor's degree with honours and the honours degree holders with research component are eligible to enter doctoral or Ph.D. programmes or to continue a two-semester Master's degree (with project work). The curriculum encompasses both theoretical and conceptual knowledge with specialisation under discipline areas, he added.

Students will get a certificate after completion of one year, diploma after completion of second year and a bachelor's degree after completion of third year. They will attain B.Sc honours after completion of fourth year, he added.

Candidates will get to learn history of science, scientific philosophy, entrepreneurship and business, information and communications technology, computer programming, equations and graphs, chemical handling, materials testing, laboratory practices and safety and graphing software making them eligible for various jobs.

In addition, the courses will enable students to be proficient in Kannada and English science communication, personality development and etiquettes, teamwork and confidence building, scientific communication, seminars and conference presentations, reporting minor research projects, entrepreneurship and business etiquettes.

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06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sun & Tue	Fully reserved
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06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily	Unreserved
06570	Mysuru	Bengaluru	07.00	09.30	Daily	Unreserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
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06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	Daily	Unreserved
06082	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.10	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Express
06568	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.40	17.10	Daily	Unreserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06219	Ch'nagara	Tirupati	16.55	20.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
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08118	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.05	Sunday	Fully reserved

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06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	03.30	06.00	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	Chennai	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagara	04.30	07.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	05.05	08.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
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06081	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.50	13.00	Daily Except Wed	Shatabdi Exp
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Fully reserved
07325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
06569	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.25	21.05	Daily	Unreserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	Daily	Unreserved
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06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

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06295	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.15	Daily	Fully reserved
01036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 next day	Sunday (Mysuru)	Fully reserved
06225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15	16.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	18.20	22.25	Daily	Unreserved
07301	Mysuru	Dharwar	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
07302	Dharwar	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
01035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 next day	Thursday (Dadar)	Fully reserved
06296	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Fully reserved

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06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.20 (Mys)	09.10	Daily	Fully Reserved
06223	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.35	14.35	Daily	Unreserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.30	16.45	Daily	Fully Reserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily	Unreserved

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DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

How the temple became the hub for an economy

Vedic Gods resided in the sky. They were unbound by geography. Temple Gods are firmly bound by geography. Jagannath is firmly linked to Odisha, Tirupati to Andhra Pradesh, Nathdvara to Rajasthan. The temple as we know it today is closely linked to land given by kings to village Gods via Brahmins, a practice that became widespread 1,500 years ago. Through the temple, the wealth generated from farms was circulated among weavers, garland makers, dancers, and musicians, who contributed to the many rites, rituals and festivals of the temple. It created an economy.

Before entering a temple, therefore, it is important to recognise the bazaars around it, for it is that which indicates the temple is prosperous with many visiting pilgrims who buy stuff from these shops and support the local economy. The shops provide sweets and cloth and lamps that the pilgrim will offer to the deity. The shops also provide food, accommodation and souvenirs to the travellers. It is around the temple we realise the local arts and crafts, local cuisines.

Temples are typically built on a plinth, a height to prevent it from floods. A flight of stairs takes us up the plinth. Older temples at Khajuraho, Old Bhubaneshwar and Mamallapuram did not have walls around them. But when invasions and attacks became common, massive walls were built. The enclosure includes water tanks and orchards, that were once the original sacred spaces, before they were eclipsed by man-made structures.

In South Indian temples, there is a unique gateway known as Gopuram. It originated in the times of Vijayanagara to proclaim the splendour of the king. Series of gateways, created by later kings, grew taller in size. They are covered with images of Gods and Goddesses and remind us of the statues of Vikramaditya's throne telling stories of heroes of yore. In earlier times, before Gopuram, the gate was indicated by a free-standing *torana*, marking the entrance, that separates the world of man from the world of Gods. The earliest *toranas* were raised in front of Buddhist Stupas.

The walls around the temple are decorated with images that tell you stories of Gods and Goddesses. There is usually a circle of nymphs said to usher in prosperity. And there is a circle of ferocious beasts and monsters who offer protection. Entrances are marked by the river Goddesses, Ganga and Yamuna, who make the temple a 'sangam' and remind us that all temples in India seek to evoke the auspiciousness linked to Prayag-kshetra, the birthplace of Vedic culture. A pair of door-keepers, who look like fierce manifestations of the deity inside, ushers in the devotee. If it is a Shiva temple, then the pair is Vetala-Bhootnath. If it is a Vishnu temple, the pair is Jay-Vijay. If it is a Shakti temple, the pair is Maya-Laya.

Once you cross the gateway, you can often find free standing pillars. There is the Dhwaja-stambha for flags. The authority and power of the temple reached as far as the flags could be seen. Atop some pillars, you find images of Garuda praying to Vishnu or Aruna praying to Surya. This was probably inspired by Mana-stambha found in Jain temples. In Maharashtra, you find the Deepa-stambha, pillars lined by lamps that are lit during Mahashivaratri. Temples in Rameshwaram and Madurai are famous for their corridors which are lined with pillars. They are also famous for their ceilings which are painted with vibrant colours. The main temple usually has pillared halls where devotees gather to see the deity. These are the pavilions known as Mandapas. These are not found in older temples.

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Freedom fighters remembered on I-Day

SUTTUR MUTT, MYSURU: ***Freedom fighters — T. Puttanna, Y.C. Revanna, B. Lingaiah, Dr. M. Somashekaraiah, H.N. Ashwathnarayan and H.N. Channabasappa — who were felicitated during the I-Day celebrations at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, in city, are seen with Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Alamatti Dr. Rudramunidevaru, Junior Pontiff of Suttur Mutt Sri Jayarajendra, S.P. Manjunath, Hemanth Subbanna and S. Shivakumaraswamy.***

MYSURU TRAVELS ASSOCIATION ***celebrated the 75th I-Day by hoisting the National Flag at its office premises. On the occasion, Defence Veteran Puttaswamy was felicitated for serving the Nation in Indian Air Force. He is seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Secretary Ashoka, President C.A. Jayakumar, Shivalingu, B.S. Prashanth, J.P. Urs and A.N. Aiyanna.***

MUSLIM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. celebrated the 75th Independence Day at its Head Office on New Sayyaji Rao Road in city. Bank President Dr. Abdul Ravoof unfurled the Tricolour. Vice-President Ahmed Saleem Ahmed, CEO Raffath Zareen, Bank Directors, Managing Committee Members, staff and KD and Pigmy Collectors were present on the occasion.

MYSURU JILLA PANDAL MALIKARA SANGHA celebrated I-Day near ARM Furnishers & Decorators in Rajivnagar under the guidance of Hon. President M.P. Shivakumar, Abdul Rehaman Haroon, Hon. Vice-President, Karnataka State Pandal Owners' Association.

Santhosh of Santhosh Furnishers & Decorators and Nowshad Khan Durani of Karnataka Furnishers & Decorators, Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru, hoisted the Tricolour.

Taj Mohd., Taj Tent House, compered. Amjad Pasha of ARM Furnishers & Decorators, Rajivnagar, introduced the guests. Waseem, Secretary, welcomed. Note books and stationery items were distributed to more than 100 students. Senior citizens Santhosh, Nowshad Khan Durani, Abdul Rehaman Haroon were feted with garland, Mysuru Peta, shawl and fruits.

Nagaraj, Treasurer, Veganand a, Secretary, Mohd. Shamsheer, Anil Kumar, Waseem Akram, Manjunath, Press Secretary of Sangha, Zaheer, G.S. Furnishers, Siraj, Khaleel Ahmed, Sait Furnishers, Waseem, A.R. Furnishers, Mamu, Bharath Furnishers, Mudasir Ali Khan, Advocate, office-bearers, pandal shop owners, labours and area residents participated.

THE MYSORE OLD AGE HOME CHARITABLE TRUST celebrated the 75th I-Day event in Old Age Home premises with its inmates.

Dr. Rajeshwari Devi from Kidwai Institute of Oncology, first lady Onco-Surgeon in Karnataka and currently posted as the District Surgeon, Mysuru, Asifa Basheer, DO - Minority Welfare Department, Mysuru, Dr. Iftheqar Ahmed, Director, Al-Ansar Hospital, Mysuru, Dr. Farahath Khanum, 'Indian Scientist of the Year Award' winner and retd. Scientist, DFRL, Mysuru, Dr. Nayaz Pasha, RMO, District Hospital, Mysuru, Shaikh Maqsood-Ul-Hussain, President of Old Age Home, Dr. Bushra Begam and Thaseen Begum spoke on the occasion.

Sayeda Talath welcomed the guests. Zainab Muneer, Female Wing Member, compered. Syeda Uzma Jabeen proposed a vote of thanks.

Radiulla Khan, Member, DCC and PRO, Farooqia Dental College, Mysuru, felicitated Shaik Maqsood-Ul-Hussain and Dr. Nayaz Pasha for their yeomen service to Old Age Home.

Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi, ex-Press Secretary, DCC Minority Department, Mysuru, was present on the occasion.

SAINIK SCHOOL KODAGU: Air Marshal K.C. Cariappa, Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Vayu Sena Medal (retd.), was the chief guest at the 75th I-Day celebrations at Sainik School in Kodagu.

The chief guest and officers laid the wreath and paid homage to war heroes at the War Memorial of the School. After unfurling the Tricolor at Thimmaiah Parade Ground, the chief guest witnessed a cultural programme at Kuvempu Multipurpose Hall.

Patriotic songs, a dance displaying diverse Indian culture, a video titled 'Awakening Dream', which intended to imbibe sense of patriotism and integrity was screened during the programme.

The day scholar cadets performed a skit 'Carri Came Back'. It portrayed Air Marshal K.C. Cariappa's relentless efforts in the 1965 war.

The chief guest presented the Principal's Commendation Certificate to B.A. Rajgolkar, TGT (English), H.M. Kavya, Lab Asst., Zakir Hussain, Shivaprasad and S.S. Ramachandra, general employees, for their yeomen service rendered to the school.

To mark the I-Day, an online group discussion competition was conducted on the topic 'Progress of India by 2047.'

Harishna, Research Scholar, University of Kerala and N.V. Ashokan, TGT (English), coordinated the programme.

Col. G. Kannan, Principal, Lt. Col. Seema Tripathi, Vice-Principal, Sqn. Ldr. R.K. Dey, Administrative Officer, academic and administrative staff were present on the occasion.

RAINBOW PUBLIC SCHOOL celebrated the 75th I-Day in city. School Chairman C.A. Cariappa hoisted the Tricolour along with CEO Sujani Cariappa, Golu Kaveri and Principal Antony. Teachers sang patriotic songs. The students witnessed the programme virtually live from their homes. They also participated in different activities online.

WORD OF THE DAY

Flexuous

Pronunciation: FLEK-shuh-wus.
Meaning: Having curves, turns or windings; lithe or fluid in action or movement.
Origin: Flexuous is a synonym of curvy. It is typically used in botany to describe plant stems that aren't rigid. But don't let that tendency deflect you from occasionally employing this ultimately quite flexible word. Stemming straight from Latin flectere, meaning "to bend," it can also mean "undulating" or "fluid." It might, for example, be used of writing or music, or of something or someone that moves with a fluid sort of grace.
Example: The last leg of the trail is a flexuous path leading up the mountain to a spectacular panoramic view of the valley.

THE ODD WORD

Fanfaron

An empty boaster.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Fair and square

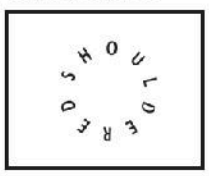
Meaning: Honest and straightforward, especially of business dealings.
Origin: In the 16th century 'square' meant 'fair and honest' so 'fair and square' is tautological. George Puttenham used that meaning of square in The arte of English poesie, 1589:
"[Aristotle] termeth a constant minded man - a square man." Francis Bacon's essay Of Prophecies, 1604 is the first known use of 'fair and square':
"Faire, and square. The gamester calls fooles holy-day."

QUOTE BOX

Everything negative — pressure, challenges — is all an opportunity for me to rise. **— Kobe Bryant**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus



Answer: Round shouldered.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Bristle
4 Triumphs, is victorious
8 To scatter seed
11 Indian tea
12 Japanese poem
14 Mentalist Geller
15 ___ hat : modern soldier's helmet?
16 Not firm or fixed; hearsay (2,3)
17 Have an ___ to the ground : be alert to rumours or trends?
18 Produce
20 Holy or saintly
22 Communist, colloquially speaking
24 Hardly any
25 Dull
28 Long fish
30 Brings to a conclusion
34 Old Mideast ints.
35 Loan installment
36 Greek goddess of dawn
37 Bearing
39 Mafia godfather's title?
40 Republic of Ireland
41 TV network
43 In short, body-builder's place?
45 Caribbean island - "Au Bar" anagram?
48 English racecourse
52 Feminine pronoun
53 Segmental sclerotic plate on the back of an insect
57 Battery size
58 Not even ?
59 Rub impatiently?
60 The heavens
61 Addressee
62 In a short time
63 Horizontal Situation Indicator

DOWN
1 Bible book
2 Flagellate
3 Zola title
4 Whimper
5 Botham or Chappell of cricket
6 Actress ___ Peeples
7 Winter sport footwear
8 Litigated
9 By mouth
10 Lean and sinewy
13 Impulse
19 Lopsided
21 Be in debt
23 Transfer documents
24 Throw or hurl
25 A type of adhesive
26 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
27 Before
29 Rock music style
31 Indonesia's earlier name
32 Black beetle
33 180 degrees from NNW
38 National Coal Board, abbr.
40 Blast result abbr.
42 French bench
44 Arabian country
45 Sailor's shout
46 Make over
47 Asian language
49 Sliding frame for window panes
50 Sturdy trees
51 Request for permission (3,1)
54 Surprised reactions?
55 Chinese code of behaviour
56 E.T.'s ride
56 Original Equip. Manufacturer

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

J	I	B	■	E	A	S	T	■	C	H	A	R
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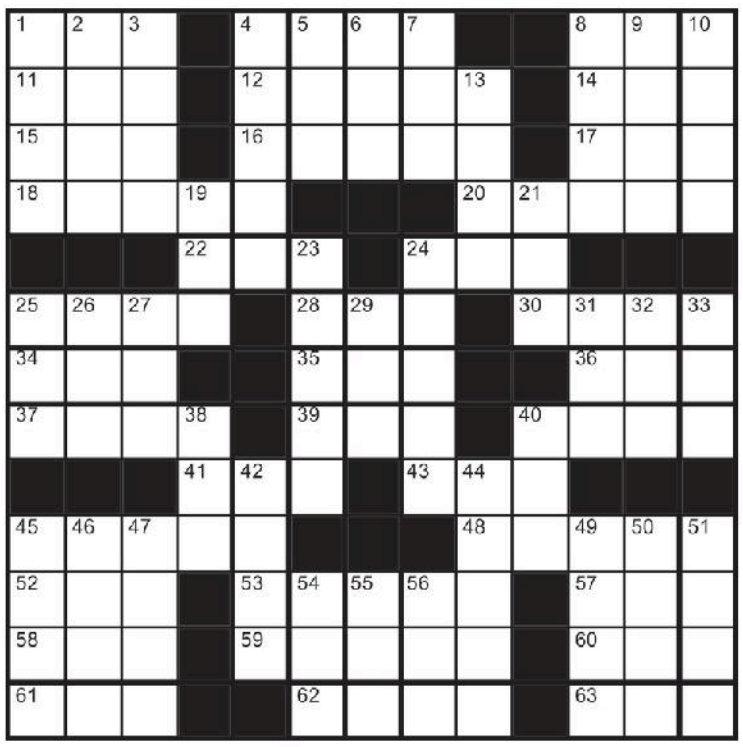

SUDOKU

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			8	1		3		
6			7	2				
8	2						6	3
				8	1			5
		8		5	2			
	6	9						8
7							9	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	5	3	4	9	6	7	2
6	9	7	8	2	5	1	3	4
3	2	4	6	1	7	5	9	8
1	6	8	2	7	3	9	4	5
7	3	9	1	5	4	8	2	6
5	4	2	9	6	8	3	1	7
4	5	1	7	9	6	2	8	3
2	8	6	4	3	1	7	5	9
9	7	3	5	8	2	4	6	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CGP'U VLO B XEM NGAC NYOAO B

CEREPVUEDO GPO NEWW LVKKESO.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Nothing changes your opinion of a friend so surely as success - yours or his.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 19)

- **District Administration, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Kannada and Culture Department:** 75th Independence Day celebrations, dance feature by Kripa Phadke and team, Facebook Live *[https://fb.me/e/1xOrHiGQu?ti=wa]*, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 20)

- **Vijaya Health Care:** Inauguration of the hospital by Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research-Bengaluru Director Dr. C.N. Manjunath guest of honour, Vijaya and B. Manjunath of Ruchi Nele-Vinayakanagara will be present, 1041/2, Vivekananda Road, near Akashvani Circle, Yadavgiri, **10 am.**
- **Backward Classes Welfare Department:** 106th birth anniversary of D. Devaraja Urs, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **10.30 am.**

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Kanabadutaledu (Te)	(S-1)	11.00 am
Seetharam Benoy Case No. 18 (K)		
	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 6.30 pm
Bell Bottom (2D-H)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am
	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 6.25 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 3.50 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.10 pm
		3.55 pm, 6.30 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Paagal (Te)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Raja Raja Chora (Te)	(S-3)	6.10 pm

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Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm
		4.30 pm
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-2)	8.45 am, 11.30 am
		2.30 pm, 5.30 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-3)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	2.10 pm
Nobody (E)	(S-4)	11.45 am
Paagal (Te)	(S-3)	1.50 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-3)	5.15 pm
Raja Raja Chora (Te)	(S-4)	5.00 pm

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		3.45 pm, 5.35 pm
Kaliveera (K)	:	12 noon
Demon Slayer: Mugen Train (E)	:	11.45 am, 2.45 pm, 5.45 pm
The Suicide Squad (E)	:	2.45 pm
Nobody (E)	:	12.10 pm, 6 pm

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The Conjuring: Devil Made Me Do It (E)

(S-1) 11 am, 1.30 pm, 4 pm, 6.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Wrestlers trained by Mysurean win medals at intl. event

Wrestling coach from Mysuru Vinod Kumar. Picture right shows wrestling coaches Vinod Kumar and Anil Kumar celebrating gold medal victory of wrestler Sagar at World Cadet Wrestling Championships.

Mysuru, Aug. 19 (SSV)- India has bagged two gold and three bronze medals at the World Cadet Wrestling Championships held at Hungary in Europe recently. The wrestlers were trained under the guidance of ace wrester of Mysuru, Vinod Kumar.

A resident of Tonachikoppal, Vinod Kumar, the Chief Coach, learnt wresting from L. Manjappa, a retired wrestling coach. Vinod Kumar has represented India for five times since 2003. Several prizes have been bagged by the teams led by him in over 10 international events.

He has been working as a wrestling coach since 2015 and training young wrestlers at Hattu Janagala Garadi in T.K. Layout. Currently, he is working as trainer at Karnataka Sports Authority, Davangere and imparting training to youths. Besides, he is pursuing Ph.D on wrestling under the guidance of Dr. Madil Alagan.

Mysuru boy shines in Tennis at Vancouver

Mysuru, Aug. 19- Mysuru boy Mustafa Raja wins both Singles and Doubles title in the 2021 Tennis BC 5 Star Provincials held at Stanley Park, Vancouver.

The 14-year-old tops the list in the 5 boys selected by British Columbia to play at the Nationals in the '14 and Under' category.

Nationals will be held by Tennis Canada in Montreal between Sept. 20 and 26, 2021.

Mustafa dominated the tournament and did not drop even a single set in Singles and Doubles. In the singles finals, Mustafa, seeded one, defeated the second seeded player Owen 6,0 and 6,1.

In the Doubles finals, Mustafa partnered with Eric William and defeated the top seeded pair Owen and Scotty 6,4 and 6,2.

Mustafa is a product of Nagaraj Tennis Centre and an alumnus of Excel Public School, Mysuru. He moved to Vancouver in 2019 and now trains at the Tennis Centre.

Mustafa Raja posing with his trophy.

600 people receive jabs during free vaccination drive

A total of 600 people took the COVID-19 jab (Covishield) at the free vaccination drive organised by Al- Khalid Charitable Trust at Abdul Rahman Saheb Talim Gardi Trust, Mission Hospital Circle, in city recently. Picture shows Trust President Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed and others during the drive. The organiser has thanked everyone for their support in conducting the free vaccination drive successfully.

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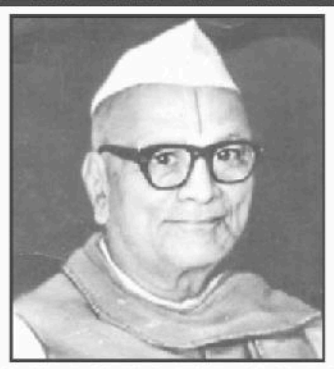

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